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In the Western Heavens and the Eastern Lands,

wherever the transmission has been passed between Buddhist ancestors*, at the beginning of entering the Dharma there is inevitably the receiving of precepts. Without receiving the precepts we are never disciples of the buddhas and never the descendants of the ancestral masters---because they have seen "*departing from excess and guarding against wrong*" as "*practicing [Za]zen and inquiring into the truth*". The words "*the precepts are foremost*" already are the right Dharma-eye treasury itself.

To realize buddha and become an ancestor* inevitably is to receive and maintain the the right-Dharma-eye treasury; therefore, ancestral masters who receive the authentic transmission of the right-Dharma-eye treasury inevitably receive and maintain the Buddhist precepts. There cannot be a Buddhist ancestor* who does not receive and maintain the Buddhist precepts. Some receive and maintain them under the Tathagata, which in every instance is to have received the life-blood.



The buddhist precepts now authentically transmitted from buddha to buddha and from ancestor* to ancestor* were only exactly transmitted by the ancestor* of Sugaku and, transmitted five times in China, they reached the founding ancestor* of Sokei. The authentic



public schedule

mondays

*7:00 am zazen
*7:40 am morning chanting service

*last monday of each month, no morning schedule

6:00 pm zazen
6:40 pm evening chanting service

tuesdays - fridays

6:00 am zazen
6:40 am kinhin (walking meditation)
6:50 am zazen

transmissions from Seigen, Nangaku, and so on, have been conveyed to the present day, but there are unreliable old veterans and the like who do not know it at all. They are most pitiful.

That "*we should receive the bodhisattva-precepts; this is the beginning of entering the Dharma*" is just what practitioners should know. The observance in which "*we should receive the bodhisattva-precepts*" is authentically transmitted, in every case, by those who have long learned the practice in the inner sanctum of the buddhist ancestors*; it is not accomplished by negligent and lazy people. In that observance, in every case, we burn incense and perform prostrations before the ancestral*-master and ask to *receive the bodhisattva precepts*.

Master Dogen's - Shobogenzo Tr. Gudo Nishijima & Chodo Cross

* Ancestor was inserted in place of Patriarch



hszc saturday post dharma talk garden conversation (Keido, Bruce & Tendo) 04 2015



upcoming events:

dharma talks @10:15am, saturdays

7:20 am chanting service
7:40 am soji (brief temple cleaning)

6:00 pm zazen
6:40 pm chanting service

thursdays study hour 7:30pm

saturdays

6:30 am zazen
7:10 am chanting service
7:25 am soji
8:30 am drop-in instruction
9:25 am zazen
10:15 am dharma talk
11:00 am refreshments/social*

* if a ceremony applies it will occur
before social time

hszc speakers -

- **Myō Lahey** - may 2,16,30
- **Daiko Tanzen, David Bullock** - may 23, jul 25

guest speakers - **Ko Shin, Steven Tierney** - apr 25; **Fugan, Eugene Bush** - may 9; **Laura Burges** - jun 20; **Anshi Daigi, Zachary Smith** - jul 11; **Dale Borglum** - aug 15; **Anshi Daigi, Zachary Smith** - sept 19; **Laura Burges** - oct 17; **Fugan, Eugene Bush** - nov 14; **Ryuei, Michael McCormick** - dec 12

full moon ceremony - saturday, may 2nd - the full flower moon; in most areas, flowers are abundant everywhere during this time. thus, the name of this moon. other names include the full corn planting moon, or the milk moon..

study hour - thursdays @7:30pm: the Vimalakīrti Sūtra. we can share books for anyone who wants to join in, or feel free to purchase a copy and join us (many are very low cost online, we focus on [Dr. Thurman's version](#)). check our twitter page for any last minute changes in schedule.

closure & schedule changes -

no morning (only) zazen & chanting/service on the last monday of every month.

founder monthly memorials - [Issan's](#) is the 6th of each month and [Philip's](#) is the 26th (or closest dates to these if cant be on that day) evenings at 6:40pm or saturday mornings

practice discussions are available with Rev. Daiko Tanzen, David Bullock. please contact him directly or email: hszc108@yahoo.com to request to schedule time.

words from our Abbot: Rev. Myō Lahey

All the south facing branches express the spirit of spring
 All Buddhas dance to elegant music
 Sun and moon pass overhead
 Waters flow down mountains to the sea
 Thus, Buddha-ancestors turn the ancient wheel, and all is renewed over
 and over—in this body-mind.

Today, we're celebrating Buddha's birthday. Upstairs in the living room we have a big painting of the wheel of Samsara. There's a demon gripping that wheel. We can also say that the Buddhas and Ancestors turn the wheel. This all depends on the eye. How do we see Pure Land in this suffering world? First of all we have to be willing to not see Pure



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Land in this suffering world. If we do try to see Pure Land, our tendency is to help the demon turn the wheel because of our always reaching for something. The eye that can see Pure Land is the eye of spring on every branch. The power of that is within a deep and trusting silence, and in that silence is the elegant music to which the Buddha's dance.

Are willing to be that exposed? That vulnerable? It's kind of scary. This means vulnerable to one another or whatever comes our way. My teacher has or maybe had a favorite quote: "How many times have I gone down into the cave of the black dragon for you?" I used to find that enigmatic, but now not so much. The cave of the black dragon is where we meet. There's no telling what's down there. If we are not willing to make that descent, then there is no meeting. If there's no meeting, it will seem like the wheels are not turning anymore and only the demons are in charge of things.

We have this Bodhisattva vow, and it's about the willingness to make this descent, over and over. The descent is always for you. The "you" is unspecified because it could be anybody and anytime.

hszc dharma talk 04 11 2015 - Not yet published



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bike to worship date for HSZC!

intro to Urban Bicycling Workshops

Free workshops to educate people on the joy of biking in San Francisco and to prepare for Bike to Worship Week. This workshop is open to the public and will cover the basics of how to pick the right bike for everyday riding in SF.

- May 21 | 6:30- 7:30pm | Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St [Details](#)

interfaith ride

Sunday, May 30 | TBD

Myles Cowherd of the San Francisco Zen Center is working to organize this ride. If you're interested in participating, please let me know. Details coming soon.

from our library - added titles for members to check out and all to look at onsite:

Dogen and Soto Zen, Heine, Steven
Feeling Wisdom, Preece, Rob
Heart Sutra
Sky Above, Great Wind
Zen Chants, Tanahashi, Kazuaki
Just This Is It: Dongshan and the Practice of Suchness, Leighton, Dan
Open-hearted Life, Chodron, Thubten
Poison Blossoms from a Thicket of Thorn, Waddell, Norman
Taming the Ox, Johnson, Charles
Tracking Bodhidharma, Ferguson, Andy
Twenty-first Century Buddhists in Conversation, McLeod, Melvin
Unfathomable Depths, Rumme, Daigaku
Way of Tenderness, Manuel, Earthlyn
Zen Teaching of Homeless Kodo, Uchiyama, Kosho/Okumura, Shohaku
Buddhist Care for the Dying and Bereaved, Watts, Jonathan



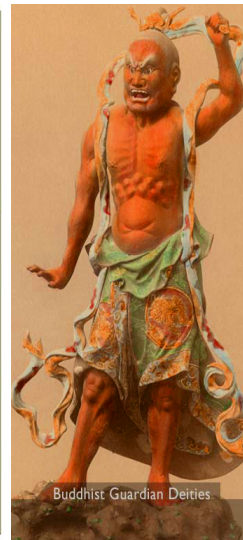
HIV meditation group; weekly meditation group for those living with HIV, their friends, families, community supporters & anyone who wants to join us!
thursdays & fridays
10:30am zazen
11:00am garden socializing

meditation in recovery; weekly meditation group for men & women in recovery from addiction
fridays, 7:30pm - 9pm

(women only) meditation in recovery; monthly meditation group for women in recovery from addiction
first thurs, 7:15pm - 8:45pm

(men only) meditation in recovery; a monthly meeting for men in recovery from addiction
3rd thurs of every month, 7:30pm-8:30pm

board of director meetings; you're invited to attend & observe!
second weds of each month, 7:30pm



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please contact us for rental space as well, events, ceremonies performed by a zen priest - weddings, memorials, coming of age & baby naming events

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